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Application No. 10/668,145

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Karl STEINER et al.

Group Art Unit : 1731

Appln. No : 10/668,145

Examiner : Fortuna

Filed : September 24, 2003

For : WATER DRAINING DEVICE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 27, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 27, 2005, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until March 27, 2006.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response, and is, in fact, being filed within two months from the mailing of the Final Office Action, whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is required, including any extension of time for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of this amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.



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Sir:
 Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116** in the above-captioned application.

☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

☐ No additional fee is required.

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Claims After Amendment	No. Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
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Indep. Claims: 1	**3	0	x100=	\$	x200=	\$0.00
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☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any required extension of time fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3)).

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